

HOUSE JOURNAL.

FORTIETH LEGISLATURE, FIRST CALLED SESSION.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, May 9, 1927.

In obedience to the proclamation of His Excellency, Dan Moody, Governor of Texas, convening the Fortieth Legislature to meet in Special Session at Austin, the seat of government, this the 9th day of May, 1927, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in Representative Hall, and at 12 o'clock m. the House was called to order by Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker.

Speaker Bobbitt then directed the Clerk to call the roll.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Acker.	Gibson.
Albritton.	Gilbert.
Alexander.	Graves.
Anderson.	Gray.
Avis.	Hall.
Barnett.	Harding.
Bass.	Harman.
Bateman.	Hefley.
Bird.	High.
Black.	Hogg.
Boggs.	Holland.
Bonham.	Hornaday.
Boon.	Johnson.
Branch.	Jones.
Brice.	Kayton.
Brown.	Keeton.
Conway.	Kennedy.
Cornwell.	Kenyon.
Cox.	Kincaid.
Cummings.	King of
Davis.	Throckmorton.
DeBerry.	Kirby.
Denman.	Kirkland.
Dielmann.	Land.
Duvall.	Lipscomb.
Enderby.	Loftin.
Eickenroht.	Long.
Farrar.	Loy.
Faulk.	McGill.
Fly.	McKean.
Forbes.	Merritt.
Foster.	Montgomery.
Fuchs.	Morse.
Gates.	Murphy.

Nabors.	Smith of Smith.
Nicholson.	Stevenson.
Olsen.	Stout.
Pavlica.	Sutton.
Pearce.	Swain.
Petsch.	Teer.
Poage.	Tillotson.
Pool.	Turner.
Pope.	Van Zandt.
Porter.	Veatch.
Purl.	Waddell.
Reagan.	Walker.
Renfro	Wallace
of Angelina.	of Freestone.
Renfro of Mills.	Wallace of Panola.
Rogers of Hays.	Ware.
Rowell.	Wassell.
Runge.	Webb.
Sanders.	Wells.
Satterwhite.	Whitaker.
Shearer.	Williams
Sheats.	of Sabine.
Shirley.	Williams
Simmons.	of Travis.
Sinks.	Williamson.
Smith of Atascosa.	Woodall.
Smith of El Paso.	Young.
Smith of Nueces.	

Absent.

Dunlap.	Rogers of Shelby.
Justice.	Smyth.
King of Hopkins.	Taylor.
Parish of Runnels.	

Absent—Excused.

Barron.	Minor.
Beck.	Moursund.
Daniel.	Parrish of Travis.
Finlay.	Powell.
Hagaman.	Rawlins.
Holder.	Shaver.
Jacks.	Snelgrove.
Kemble.	Stell.
Kinnear.	Storey.
Masterson.	Wallace of Smith.
McCombs.	Woodruff.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Wallace of Smith for today, on motion of Mr. Smith of Smith.

Mr. Moursund for today, on motion of Mr. Alexander.

Mr. Kemble for today, on motion of Mr. Morse.

Mr. Anderson for today, on motion of Mr. Williamson.

Mr. Parrish of Travis for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Kirby.

Mr. Storey for today, on motion of Mr. Loftin.

Mr. Powell for today, on motion of Mr. Loftin.

Mr. Masterson for today, on motion of Mr. Sheats.

Mr. Daniel for today, on motion of Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Finlay for today, on motion of Mr. Hall.

Mr. Rawlins for today, on motion of Mr. Bateman.

Mr. Barron and Mr. Woodruff for today, on motion of Mr. Cox.

Mr. Snelgrove and Mr. McCombs for today, on motion of Mr. Bobbitt.

Mr. Hagaman for today, on motion of Mr. Albritton.

Mr. Shaver for today, on motion of Mr. Harding.

Mr. Holder and Mr. Jacks for today, on motion of Mr. Purl.

Mr. Beck for today, on motion of Mr. Duvall.

Mr. Minor for today, on motion of Mr. Loy.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of illness:

Mr. Kinnear for today, on motion of Mr. Reagan.

Mr. Powell for today, on motion of Mr. Satterwhite.

Mr. Morse for tomorrow and Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Acker.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following proclamation by the Governor:

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come:

Whereas, It is necessary that a general appropriation bill be passed for the ensuing biennium in order that the departments and institutions of the State may be properly financed: and

Whereas, Occasion exists for the pas-

sage of a civil service act affecting the selection of subordinate employes of the State government to the end that better efficiency may be secured in the administration of governmental affairs; and

Whereas, Need exists for improvement of our laws relating to highways and the administration of highway affairs in this State to guarantee a more efficient and economical development of a system of correlated highways.

For these, and other good and sufficient reasons hereinafter named, an extraordinary occasion had arisen requiring the Legislature to be convened.

Now, therefore, I, Dan Moody, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of this State, hereby call a Special Session of the Fortieth Legislature to be convened in the city of Austin, commencing at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 9th day of May, A. D. 1927, for the following purposes:

1. To pass a general appropriation bill for the ensuing biennium.

2. To pass a selective civil service law providing for the selection of subordinate employes of the State government under the classified civil service system.

3. To adopt such laws as may be necessary to establish a more efficient and economical development of a system of correlated State highways.

4. To consider and act on such other subjects of public importance as the Executive may, from time to time during the session, submit by message or otherwise.

In testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name and cause to be impressed hereon the seal of the State of Texas at Austin, this the 18th day of April, A. D. 1927.

DAN MOODY.

Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:

Secretary of State.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED.

Speaker Bobbitt stated that Hon. A. P. Johnson of Carrizo Springs, Dimmit county, Representative from the Seventy-seventh District, elected to succeed Hon. A. J. Durham, was within the bar of the House and that the constitutional oath of office would now be administered to him, his certificate of election having been filed with the Chief Clerk of the House.

The Speaker then announced the appointment of the following committee to escort Mr. Johnson to the Speaker's stand:

Messrs. Farrar, Cornwell, Satterwhite, Williamson, Wells and Purl.

The committee having performed their duty, the constitutional oath of office was then administered to Hon. A. P. Johnson.

Speaker Bobbitt presented Hon. A. P. Johnson, who addressed the House.

PROVIDING FOR EMPLOYES OF HOUSE.

Mr. Davis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House shall appoint the following employes for the First Called Session of the Fortieth Legislature to serve for such compensation as is hereafter provided:

One private secretary to the Speaker, \$7.50 per day.

One stenographer for the Speaker, \$6 per day.

One porter for the Speaker, \$3 per day.

One page for the Speaker, \$3 per day.

One assistant to the Chief Clerk, \$6 per day.

One page to the Chief Clerk, \$3 per day.

One clerk to Committee on Contingent Expenses, \$5 per day.

One Warrant Clerk, \$5 per day.

One assistant to Journal Clerk, \$7.50 per day.

One assistant to Calendar Clerk, \$7.50 per day.

One assistant to the Sergeant-at-Arms, \$6 per day.

One head clerk for engrossing division of bills, \$7.50 per day.

One head clerk for enrolling division of bills, \$7.50 per day.

As many expert typists as in the judgment of the Speaker are needed, \$5 per day each.

One clerk for Committee on Appropriations, \$7.50 per day.

One stenographer for Committee on Appropriations, \$5 per day.

One superintendent of stenographers, \$7.50 per day.

Thirty expert stenographers, \$5 per day each.

Six committee clerks, \$5 per day each.

One mailing clerk for Journal, \$5 per day.

One page for the Doorkeeper, \$2.50 per day.

One page for engrossing and enrolling division, \$2.50 per day.

One page for stenographic force, \$2.50 per day.

Twenty-two pages, \$2.50 per day each.

One page for Mr. Van Zandt of Grayson county, \$4 per day.

One page for Mr. DeBerry of Red River county, \$4 per day.

One clerk to the Sergeant-at-Arms, \$7.50 per day.

One page to the Sergeant-at-Arms, \$3 per day.

One night watchman, \$3 per day.

One elevator man, \$4 per day.

One supervisor of House, \$5 per day.

Two messengers to carry papers to Confederate Home and to Woman's Confederate Home, \$2.50 per day each.

Twelve porters, \$3 per day each.

One chief operator for voting machine, \$7.50 per day.

One assistant operator for voting machine, \$5 per day.

Resolved further, That it shall be the duty of the Speaker, and he is hereby empowered, to dispense with the services of any employe who in his judgment is not further needed, and for misconduct of any employe; and further, he shall have the power to appoint extra help when in his judgment it is necessary. The duties of the employes hereinbefore mentioned shall be such as are required by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Any of the employes may be excused by the Speaker for causes deemed by him sufficient; provided further, that any employe who shall be absent without leave shall not receive any compensation for the time missed during said absence. The salaries of the employes shall begin when they are instructed to begin work by the Speaker.

Signed—Davis, Veatch, Tillotson.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Poage offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend House simple resolution providing for employes of the House by striking out the words "one assistant to the Sergeant-at-Arms, \$6.00 per day," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "One assistant to the Sergeant-at-Arms, \$5.00 per day."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Poage offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend simple resolution providing for employes of the House by striking out the words "six committee clerks, \$5.00 per day," and inserting in lieu thereof

the following: "four committee clerks, \$5.00 per day each."

Mr. Woodall moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table was lost.

Question then recurring on the amendment, it was lost.

Mr. Poage offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend House simple resolution providing for employes of the House by striking out the words "one assistant to the Chief Clerk, \$6.00 per day," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "one assistant to the Chief Clerk, \$5.00 per day."

Mr. Rogers of Hays moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table was lost.

Question then recurring on the amendment, it was adopted.

Mr. Poage offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend House simple resolution providing for employes of the House by striking out the words "thirty expert stenographers, \$5.00 per day," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "thirty expert stenographers, \$4.00 per day."

On motion of Mr. Davis, the amendment was tabled.

Question then recurring on the resolution, as amended, it was adopted.

HOUSE NOTIFIED.

A committee from the Senate appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, stated that the Senate is now organized and ready for the transaction of business.

PROVIDING FOR POSTAGE FOR MEMBERS.

Mr. Cummings offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That each member be allowed \$10 for postage stamps and the Speaker \$15 and the Chief Clerk \$15, the Committee on Contingent Expenses \$7.50 and the Committee on Appropriations \$5.00, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the post office box rent of the members of the House shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House, upon approval of the Contingent Expense Committee.

Resolved, That all requisitions for paper and supplies necessary for the preparation of bills, for the enrolling and engrossing rooms, the minute books and blank paper for use of committees, the letterheads, envelopes, etc., to be

used by the members or employes of the House, be made under the direction of the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be authorized to rent typewriters for the use of the stenographers and Enrolling Clerk and Engrossing Clerk of the House and to purchase typewriter ribbons, the cost of same to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be custodian of all the stationery and stationery supplies required by the House; that said supplies be obtained and disposed of and accounted for by the Sergeant-at-Arms, as provided by Rule 3, Section 4, of the Rules of the Thirty-third Legislature.

Signed—Davis, Cummings.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

PROVIDING FOR NEWSPAPERS FOR MEMBERS.

Mr. Pope offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members of the House be allowed three newspapers per day, the expense of same to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Signed—Harding, Pope.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

COMMITTEES TO NOTIFY GOVERNOR AND SENATE.

Mr. Veatch offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint two committees of five members each, one to notify the Governor and the other to notify the Senate that the House is now organized and ready for business.

Signed—Veatch, Teer.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker appointed the following committees:

To notify the Governor:

Messrs. Veatch, Hogg, DeBerry, Wells and Teer.

To notify the Senate:

Messrs. Petsch, Chairman; Swain, Montgomery, Purl and Kirkland.

PROVIDING FOR HOUSE JOURNAL.

Mr. Fly offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That twelve hundred copies of the House Journal of each day be printed, one hundred to be delivered to the Senate, two copies to be placed on each member's desk daily, three copies to be delivered to the head of each State department, seventy-five copies to the State Library, and the remainder to be left with the Sergeant-at-Arms for distribution under the direction of the Speaker.

Signed—Fly, Poage, Young.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following employees of the House:

Speaker's secretary, Miss Oveta Culp.
Speaker's stenographer, Miss Maud Nowlin.

Speaker's page, DeMauri Terry.
Secretary to Chief Clerk, Mrs. Thelma Mize.

Page to Chief Clerk, James Wiginton.
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Geo. Cox.
Bookkeeper to Sergeant-at-Arms, J. T. Hamilton.

Page to Sergeant-at-Arms, Jno. D. Rogers.

Warrant Clerk, Mrs. Susie Rudasill.
Mailing Clerk, Miss Grace Carothurs.
Page to Mr. Van Zandt, Carlton Burnan.

Page to Mr. DeBerry, Luther Howison.

Operator of voting machine, L. E. Ledbetter.

Assistant Journal Clerk, Miss Gussie Evans.

Assistant to Calendar Clerk, Miss Gladys Nichols.

Manager of stenographers, Mrs. J. E. Crosby.

Clerk to Committee on Contingent Expenses, Miss Anita Heberer.

Stenographer to Committee on Appropriations, W. E. McGuire.

Clerk to Committee on Appropriations, E. C. Stovall.

Superintendent of Hall, Hal Bourland.

STENOGRAPHERS APPOINTED.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following temporary stenographers:

Mrs. B. J. Rupert, Mary Copeland, Carolyn Lowenstein, Miss Billie Burk, Vernon Elledge, Miss Jessie Tegener, Ruth Cowie, Mrs. Myrtis Wilson, Mrs.

Katheryn Fogle, Opal Winn, Meteor N. Frnka, Mrs. Norine Nachtrab, Mrs. Lucile Williams, Edith C. Bibolet, Bessie Woods.

PAGES APPOINTED.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following temporary pages: Stanley Spore, Sterling Strong, Dick Parks, Jack Otting, Palmer Stockwell, John Howard Payne, Burck Smith, Joe Johnson, Jr., Scott Keeling, Worth D. Ware, Iverson Hutton, Joe Bill Bralley, John Pratt, Jack Pruitt, Langston Smith, Sumner Ramsey.

SENATE NOTIFIED.

The committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House is now organized and ready for the transaction of business appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, stated that they had performed the duty assigned them.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Webb, the House, at 12:50 o'clock p. m., took recess to 3 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 3 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, May 9, 1927.

Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bill:

S. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of \$160,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the general revenue, to pay expenses and mileage and per diem of members, officers and employees of First Called Session of the Fortieth Legislature," etc.

Respectfully,

MORRIS C. HANKINS,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bill, received from the Senate today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee as follows:

Senate bill No. 1, to the Committee on Appropriations.

RELATIVE TO UNPAID TAXES DUE STATE OF TEXAS.

Mr. Satterwhite offered the following resolution:

Whereas, It is generally understood and known that the accumulation of unpaid taxes due the State for the past ten or more years now amount to many millions of dollars; and

Whereas, The Fortieth Legislature authorized a tax commission to make a tax survey of the State; and

Whereas, Said commission is now in Austin perfecting organization for the purpose of making said survey; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the First Called Session of the Fortieth Legislature, That said tax commission be requested to immediately begin a detailed investigation of the amount of unpaid taxes now due the State, and at the earliest possible time report its findings to this Special Session of the Legislature, together with such recommendations and suggestions as the committee may deem proper and feasible for the collection of the unpaid taxes now due the State.

The resolution was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Tillotson, further consideration of the resolution was postponed until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Teer, Senate bill No. 1 was ordered not printed.

GOVERNOR NOTIFIED.

The committee appointed to notify the Governor that the House is now organized and ready for the transaction of business appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, stated that they had performed the duty assigned them.

SENATE BILL NO. 1 ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Teer moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that Senate bill No. 1 be placed on its second reading and passage to third reading and on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—100.

Acker.	Loy.
Alexander.	McGill.
Avis.	McKean.
Barnett.	Merritt.
Bass.	Montgomery.
Bateman.	Morse.
Bird.	Murphy.
Black.	Nabors.
Boggs.	Nicholson.
Bonham.	Pavlica.
Boon.	Pearce.
Branch.	Petsch.
Brice.	Poage.
Brown.	Pope.
Conway.	Porter.
Cornwell.	Purl.
Cummings.	Reagan.
Davis.	Renfro
DeBerry.	of Angelina.
Denman.	Renfro of Mills.
Dielmann.	Rogers of Hays.
Duvall.	Rowell.
Enderby.	Sanders.
Farrar.	Satterwhite.
Fly.	Sheats.
Forbes.	Shirley.
Foster.	Simmons.
Fuchs.	Sinks.
Gibson.	Smith of Atascosa.
Graves.	Smith of Nueces.
Gray.	Smith of Smith.
Hall.	Stout.
Harding.	Swain.
Harman.	Teer.
Hefley.	Tillotson.
High.	Turner.
Hogg.	Van Zandt.
Hornaday.	Veatch.
Johnson	Waddell.
of Anderson.	Walker.
Johnson	Wallace
of Dimmit.	of Freestone.
Jones.	Wallace of Panola.
Kayton.	Ware.
Kennedy.	Wassell.
Kincaid.	Webb.
King of	Wells.
Throckmorton.	Williams
Kirby.	of Sabine.
Kirkland.	Williams
Land.	of Travis.
Lipscomb.	Williamson.
Loftin.	Woodall.
Long.	Young.

Nays—3.

Albritton.	Olsen.
Eickenroht.	
	Absent.
Anderson.	Gilbert.
Cox.	Holland.
Dunlap.	Keeton.
Faulk.	Kemble.
Gates.	Kenyon.

Parish of Runnels. Smyth.
Pool. Stevenson.
Rogers of Shelby. Sutton.
Runge. Taylor.
Shearer. Whitaker.
Smith of El Paso.

Absent—Excused.

Barron. Minor.
Beck. Moursund.
Daniel. Parrish of Travis.
Finlay. Powell.
Hagaman. Rawlins.
Holder. Shaver.
Jacks. Snelgrove.
Justice. Stell.
King of Hopkins. Storey.
Kinnear. Wallace of Smith.
Masterson. Woodruff.
McCombs.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of \$160,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary out of the general revenue, to pay expenses and mileage and per diem of members, officers and employes of First Called Session of the Fortieth Legislature," etc.

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 1 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker then laid Senate bill No. 1 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—100.

Mr. Speaker. DeBerry.
Acker. Denman.
Alexander. Dielmann.
Avis. Duvall.
Barnett. Enderby.
Bass. Farrar.
Bateman. Faulk.
Bird. Fly.
Black. Forbes.
Boggs. Foster.
Bonham. Fuchs.
Boon. Gilbert.
Branch. Graves.
Brice. Gray.
Brown. Hall.
Conway. Harding.
Cornwell. Harman.
Cox. Hefley.
Cummings. High.
Davis. Hogg.

Hornaday.
Johnson of Anderson.
Johnsen of Dimmit.
Jones.
Kayton.
Kennedy.
Kincaid.
King of Throckmorton.
Kirby.
Kirkland.
Land.
Lipscomb.
Loftin.
Long.
Loy.
McGill.
McKean.
Merritt.
Montgomery.
Morse.
Murphy.
Nabors.
Nicholson.
Olsen.
Pavlica.
Pearce.
Petsch.
Poage.
Pope.
Porter.
Purl.
Reagan.

Renfro of Angelina.
Renfro of Mills.
Rogers of Hays.
Rowell.
Sanders.
Satterwhite.
Sheats.
Shirley.
Simmons.
Sinks.
Smith of Atascosa.
Smith of Nueces.
Smith of Smith.
Stout.
Swain.
Teer.
Tillotson.
Turner.
Veatch.
Waddell.
Walker.
Wallace of Freestone.
Wallace of Panola.
Ware.
Wassell.
Webb.
Wells.
Williams of Sabine.
Williams of Travis.
Williamson.
Young.

Nays—4.

Albritton. Gibson.
Eickenroht. Woodall.

Absent.

Anderson. Runge.
Dunlap. Shearer.
Gates. Smith of El Paso.
Holland. Smyth.
Keeton. Stevenson.
Kemble. Sutton.
Kenyon. Taylor.
Parish of Runnels. Van Zandt.
Pool. Whitaker.
Rogers of Shelby.

Absent—Excused.

Barron. Minor.
Beck. Moursund.
Daniel. Parrish of Travis.
Finlay. Powell.
Hagaman. Rawlins.
Holder. Shaver.
Jacks. Snelgrove.
Justice. Stell.
King of Hopkins. Storey.
Kinnear. Wallace of Smith.
Masterson. Woodruff.
McCombs.

Reason for Vote.

I voted "nay" on Senate bill No. 1, appropriating the sum of \$160,000 for contingent expenses to pay mileage and per diem for members of the House and Senate because it is \$35,000 more than was appropriated by the First Called Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, and I was elected on an economy pledge and believe in keeping the pledge made the people.

ALBRITTON.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Tillotson, the House, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY.

(Tuesday, May 10, 1927.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Bobbitt.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Acker.	Gray.
Albritton.	Hall.
Alexander.	Harding.
Avis.	Harman.
Barnett.	Hefley.
Barron.	High.
Bass.	Hogg.
Bateman.	Holder.
Beck.	Holland.
Bird.	Hornaday.
Black.	Jacks.
Boggs.	Johnson
Bonham.	of Anderson.
Boon.	Johnson
Branch.	of Dimmit.
Brice.	Jones.
Brown.	Justice.
Conway.	Kayton.
Cornwell.	Keeton.
Cox.	Kemble.
Cummings.	Kennedy.
Davis.	Kincaid.
DeBerry.	King of Hopkins.
Denman.	King of
Dielmann.	Throckmorton.
Duvall.	Kirby.
Enderby.	Kirkland.
Eickenroht.	Land.
Farrar.	Lipscomb.
Faulk.	Loftin.
Fly.	Long.
Forbes.	Loy.
Foster.	Masterson.
Gibson.	McGill.
Gilbert.	Merritt.
Graves.	Minor.

Montgomery.	Snelgrove.
Murphy.	Stevenson.
Nabors.	Stout.
Nicholson.	Swain.
Olsen.	Taylor.
Pavlica.	Teer.
Pearce.	Tillotson.
Petsch.	Turner.
Poage.	Van Zandt.
Pool.	Veatch.
Pope.	Waddell.
Porter.	Walker.
Reagan.	Wallace
Renfro	of Freestone.
of Angelina.	Wallace of Panola.
Renfro of Mills.	Wallace of Smith.
Rogers of Hays.	Ware.
Runge.	Wassell.
Sanders.	Webb.
Satterwhite.	Wells.
Sheats.	Whitaker.
Shirley.	Williams
Simmons.	of Sabine.
Sinks.	Williams
Smith of Atascosa.	of Travis.
Smith of Nueces.	Woodall.
Smith of Smith.	Young.

Absent.

Daniel.	Rogers of Shelby.
Finlay.	Rowell.
Gates.	Smith of El Paso.
Parish of Runnels.	Smyth.

Absent—Excused.

Anderson.	Powell.
Dunlap.	Purl.
Fuchs.	Rawlins.
Hagaman.	Shaver.
Kenyon.	Shearer.
Kinnear.	Stell.
McCombs.	Storey.
McKean.	Sutton.
Morse.	Williamson.
Moursund.	Woodruff.
Parrish of Travis.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Finlay for today and the balance of the week, on motion of Mr. Hall.

Mr. Hagaman for today, on motion of Mr. Albritton.

Mr. Moursund for today, on motion of Mr. Alexander.

Mr. Dunlap, Mr. McCombs and Mr. Rawlins for today, on motion of Mr. Jacks.